'Growing a Positive Learning Attitude'

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Nau mai haere mai, Greetings | Tena Koutou | Konnichiwa |Groete | Namaste | Talofa Lava | Malo e Lelei | Ni sa bula | Fakalofa lahi atu | Kia Orana | Asalam Alykum | Ni Hao |

Welcome to Week 7! Time is absolutely flying this year. With September here, it's wonderful to see the days stretching out and lighter mornings returning.



Our Choir

Our school choir delivered an outstanding performance at the 70th Anniversary Tauranga Music Festival, representing our school with absolute pride and energy. Taking the stage after months of hard work, our choir showed everyone what dedicated teamwork looks like - and had an absolute blast doing it.

Congratulations to Ollie and William, who had the special honour of being the festival comperes for the evening. They did a fantastic job keeping the audience engaged, and bringing plenty of energy and humor to the stage. Fantastic effort, Ollie and William.

A massive thank you goes to Mrs Rosoman for her tireless work preparing, inspiring, and directing our choir to sound their absolute best.

We also extend huge thanks to our wonderful parents and whānau. Thank you for supporting this journey every step of the way - from encouraging your children at home, supporting us to attend off-site rehearsals, to filling the audience with love and applause on the big night. We couldn't have done it without you.



Year 1-3 Poetry Recitals

What an exceptional display of courage and confidence from our Year 1-3 students on Wednesday 19 August. Stepping up to perform a poem takes real bravery, and watching our youngest learners conquer stage fright to share their chosen verses earned the admiration of their teachers, peers, parents, whānau and judges alike.

These recitals offered a supportive space for our junior students to build self-confidence and grow as expressive communicators. A huge thank you to the parents and whānau who came along - your warm encouragement in the audience made the occasion truly memorable for our young performers. With such inspiring talent on display, the future of our next generation of storytellers and leaders is a bright one.

POETRY RECITAL CONGRATULATIONS

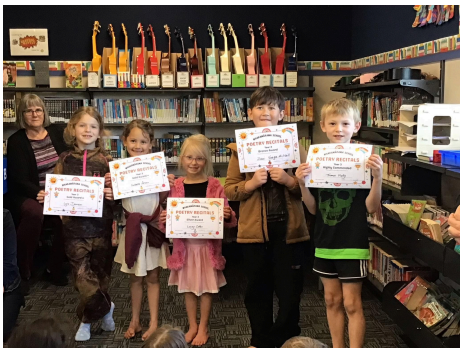


Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1st Eliza 2nd Marli 3rd Byron Highly Commended: Rex	1st Imogen 2nd Dior 3rd James Highly Commended: Eden & Kieran	1st Lyla & Isabella 2nd Lacey 3rd Zikai Highly Commended: Thomas

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Year 5-8 Speeches

From spark of an idea to conquering stage fright, our Year 5–8 students truly shone during their speech presentations on Thursday, 27 August. Those who stepped up to be formally judged earned huge admiration from teachers, peers, and whānau alike. The event offered a wonderfully supportive environment designed to boost communication skills, build self-confidence, and foster personal growth.

SPEECH CONGRATULATIONS



Year 5	Year 6	Year 8
1st Felix S 2nd Flynn 3rd Claudia	1st Isla 2nd Mia 3rd William	1st Chloe 2nd James







Chloe represented us brilliantly at the Tall Poppies speech competition on Tuesday, 1 September. Competing against top Year 8 speakers from across our cluster, she delivered an outstanding presentation and earned an impressive 2nd place. We are immensely proud of Chloe 😊

Isla and Felix S are advancing to the North Cluster event on Thursday, 10 September - we wish them both the very best of luck! 🍀

Ngā mihi nui to Mr Hall for partnering with us once again to judge our Year 5–8 tamariki. Your support means the world to our school community.

Yummy Apple Stickers - Entry closes 4th September to claim our free sports gear - Get your stickers in to the office now

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Garden to Table
Rūma Toutouwai had another action-packed morning at Garden to Table on Thursday, 27 August.

Our young gardeners were busy harvesting cauliflower, planting seeds (tomatoes, capsicums, borage, zinnias, echinacea, lemon balm, and basil), starting kūmara slips in the tunnel house, and setting out new potatoes in the potting shed. They also set up rat traps for pest control and began flattening ground to make way for our brand-new outdoor classroom space.

Over in the kitchen, our young chefs had a fantastic time making delicious 'compost' sandwiches. Don't worry - it's not the garden variety 😉. Instead, they used food layers to bring the concept of lasagna composting to life.

Volunteers don't just help our Garden to Table programme run, they make it possible. A huge thank you to Maria, Darren, Stormie, Caroline, Bridget, and Lucy for giving your valuable time to mentor and guide our learners. We love these mornings, and we are so grateful for the difference your support makes in our learning community.










PTA Thanks
PTA funds are truly creating an incredible outdoor learning environment for our tamariki. A huge shout-out to Maria and Konrad, who added extra planters to our Garden to Table area on Wednesday 19 August. This space continues to thrive thanks to the amazing mahi of Maria and our volunteers.

The PTA is also gearing up for their upcoming tea-towel fundraiser. A big thank you to Chrissy and Lucy for working alongside our learners to create their self-portraits. Watch out for the release of the perfect gift for family and friends.



Making Every Day Count: Term 3 Attendance Update
Thank you, parents and whānau, for your ongoing support in prioritising your child's learning. When students arrive ready to learn, connect, and thrive, it sets the whole school up for success.

The Ministry of Education has set a national target: 80% of students attending school regularly (90% of the time or more) by 2030. In practical terms, this means a student needs to miss fewer than 5 days across an entire term.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

We know Term 3 brings the cold and flu season, and our school community has certainly seen its fair share of winter illness recently. First and foremost: if your child is unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover.

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Once your child is feeling better and well enough to attend, we strongly encourage sending them right back to class. Every extra day in class helps maintain their learning momentum and stay connected with their friends.

Show Day - Saturday 17 October

The highlight of the year is just around the corner. Our learners are getting excited about their craft exhibits, and it's wonderful hearing them talk about their lambs - there are certainly some creative names out there 😉



The finer details regarding Show Day will be sent home soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Teacher Only Day

Have you marked your calendar? School will be closed on **Friday, 23 October 2026.** Our staff will be spending the day preparing for 2027 - exploring the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum (including the updated Science and Social Sciences learning areas) and further embedding the Science of Learning.

We appreciate your support in bringing this great learning opportunity to our staff.

Policies and Procedure

All school policies and procedures can be viewed at our SchoolDocs Site using the username and password below. The SchoolDocs Site contains a search tool allowing you to search for a topic or theme.

How to login:

1. Go to schooldocs.co.nz
2. Click Search for your school (top, right)
3. Start typing our school's name and select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter our community username (whakamarama) and password (unity)

School Docs
Policies and Procedures

To start reviewing, login and click the **Start your review** button.

These children all have a September (Mahuru) birthday!!



9 Years Harry, Kurt
10 Years Arjun, Flynn
11 Years Brayden
13 Years James, Falcon

CONGRATULATIONS to students who received an award at our whole school assembly on

Thursday 20th August - Mīharo! Awesome!

RŪMA PĪWAKAWAKA RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 20 August	Flynn H	Focus and effort during Maths sessions - Flynn is keen to know about Fractions. Wow!
	Ngapine	Super duper! Ngapine is making an effort to focus on and finish his learning word - Yay!
	Sakarath	A super, independent writer - Focused thinker … Great ideas. Yay!
	Rex	Super duper Learner… Always doing the right thing at the right time! Yay!
RŪMA TOUTOUWAI RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 20 August	Lyla	You are a super reader - you are beginning to focus and confidently use sounds you know to work out new words.
	Remi	You are a focused learner and you are always ready to give new learning a try.

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	Kieran	For showing manawa-roa by trying out new learning in maths and being open to trying again if you didn't quite get it right the first time.
RŪMA TŪĪ RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 20 August	Benjamin	For showing Manawa-nui. You are a kind, caring and respectful Whakamārama kid. You are an outstanding role model for others, Benjamin! Amazing
	Cairos	For showing Manawa-nui. You are a thoughtful, responsible and respectful Whakamārama kid. You are an outstanding role model for others, Cairos! Tino pai rawa atu - excellent!
	Ayla	For consistently arriving at school with a positive, 'can do' attitude. Keep striving for continuous improvement, Ayla. Ka pai tō mahi - great work!
	Claudia	For bringing a positive, hard working attitude and a drive to achieve your best every day. Keep striving for excellence, Claudia. Mahi pai - great work!
RŪMA KĀREAREA RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES		
Week 5 20 August	Brayden	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Brayden for showing excellent effort and care in your speech writing. I learnt a lot reading it!
	Courtney	Ka pai tō mahi! Good work! Congratulations to Courtney for showing manawa-ū. You have excellent focus during class and always give your best effort in your learning.
	Max	Tino pai tō mahi! Very good work! Congratulations to Max for being a careful and thoughtful mathematician. You've shown excellent problem solving skills! Keep it up!
	Noah K	Ka pai tō mahi! Good work! Congratulations to Noah for crafting an interesting and well structured speech. Keep up the great work!

SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Please keep yourself up-to-date with the school newsboard that comes out fortnightly in the newsletter or on the the school website

September / Mahuru	
Sunday 6th	Fathers Day
7th - 9th	Aquatic Skills: Kārearea and Tūī
Thursday 10 September	Field Trip - Years 4-8: Our Precious Wetlands (BCA)
Wednesday 16th	Wig Wednesday
14th -18th	Te Wiki o te reo Māori
Friday 18th	Grandparents Day
Monday 21st	PTA Meeting 7pm at Whakamārama Community Centre
Thursday 24th	School Assembly 2pm - Come join us!
Friday 25th	Teacher Appreciation Day
Friday 25th	End of Term 3!
October / Whiringa-ā-nuku	
Monday 12th	Term 4 Starts
Saturday 17th	SHOW DAY
Monday 19th	PTA Meeting 7pm at Whakamārama Community Centre
Tuesday 20th	Board Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Marimba Festival
Friday 23rd	Teacher Only Day
Monday 26th	Labour Day - School Closed

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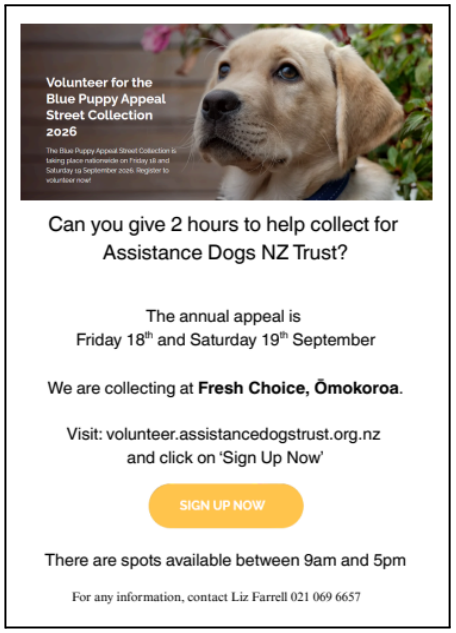
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

HEY KIDS – COME AND PLAY TEE BALL AND SOFTBALL/BASEBALL IN TERM 4, 2026!
SATURDAY MORNINGS - U8 Tee-ball 9.00am, U11 Diamond Ball 10am, U14 Softball/Baseball 11.00am.
Games are only 60 minutes; ANYONE can play and heaps of action and fun!
WBOP SOFTBALL ASSN. CARLTON BALLPARK, 412 Ngatai Road, Bellevue.
31st October – 12th December 2026. Only $20.00 for 7 weeks of games.
Register your name with the school Sports Co-ordinator for more information or visit our website...
Have a Go Days: Sunday 18th and 25th October 10am-12pm
Website: www.sporty.co.nz/wbopsoftball
Email: juniorsoftballwbop@gmail.com













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